

CITY OF DENTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 24, 2022

After determining that a quorum was present, the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a Retreat (Day 1) on Friday, June 24, 2022, at 2:01 p.m. in the Development Service Center at 401 N. Elm Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT IN PERSON: Mayor Gerard Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Beck and Council Members Vicki Byrd, Jesse Davis, Alison Maguire, Brandon Chase McGee, and Chris Watts

ABSENT: None

Also present were City Manager Sara Hensley and City Attorney Mack Reinwand

There was no public registration process as this was a planning session only.

1. ITEM(S) FOR DISCUSSION

- A. ID 22-582 Hold a retreat discussion facilitated by Raftelis and give staff direction and priorities concerning the following: City services and infrastructure; streets; parks; finances, budget; planning; zoning and development; environmental issues; human resources; technology; public utilities, taxes; engineering; economic development; code enforcement; city facilities; transportation; purchasing; management; intergovernmental relations; boards, commissions and committees; meetings; agenda development; Council-Manager governance; City Council communication with staff and the public; citizen surveys; key focus areas and priorities; specific goals for the 2022-2023 fiscal year; and without limitation, any and all operations of the City of Denton city government.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

Council Member Maguire arrived at 2:07 p.m.

Julia Novak, Executive Vice President for Raftelis, and Dr. John Nalbandian facilitated discussion regarding the following:

- Bridging the gaps between what is politically acceptable and operationally sustainable
- Choices between conflicting values
- Form of Government - Denton's council-manager form of government and reference to "local government"
- Values - Responsiveness =
 - Representation/Participation + Efficiency and Effectiveness/Professionalism + Social Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion + Justice and Individual Rights
- Characteristics of Politics and Administration
 - Role of elected officers to that of the manager

- Alignment of Elected Officials and Staff
 - What do elected officials need from staff?
 - What does staff need from elected officials?
 - What is staff will and able to provide to elected officials?
 - What are elected officials willing and able to provide to staff?
- Trust – Elements of a trusting relationship

Council Members and Staff were asked to submit both their perspectives on where they believed were good in/about the City and where they wanted to be in 10 years. Results would be reviewed the following day.

With no further business, the retreat was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. Day 2 of the Retreat to continue Saturday, June 25, 2022, starting at 9:00 a.m.



GERARD HUDSPETH
MAYOR
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS



ROSA RIOS
CITY SECRETARY
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

MINUTES APPROVED ON:

